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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/019,805	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MUELLER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Hoa Q. Pham	<b>Art Unit</b> 2877	

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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-77 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 12, 14,-20, 22-24, 29-30, 38, 63-68, 77 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,5-11,13,15,21,25-28,31-37,39-62 and 69-76 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/21/01</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.  |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Priority***

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany on 6/29/99. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the German application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

### ***Specification***

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
  - a. Page 3, lines 12 and 14, the "claim" should not mentioned in the specification. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

3. Regarding claim 1, the phrase "in particular" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claims 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

a. Claim 29 is vague and indefinite because the preamble recites a method claim and the body of the claim is similar to an apparatus. If applicant intends to claim a method, it is suggested that the claims should be entirely redrafted to conform to U.S. practice. For example, the preamble should not recite so many substantive elements, the use of "the" should be avoided in the claim where possible, and each substantive element should begin a new clause. It is preferred that "comprising steps of" language be used in the preambles of the method claims.

b. Claim 30 depends on claim 29, therefore inherit the deficiency of the claim 29.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Markovits et al (4,011,350).

Claim 29 is broad enough to read on the teachings of Markovits et al. Markovits et al discloses a carrier (12) is provided with a converter (14) and in which the carrier is then coated with an adhesion layer (23), where in the adhesive layer is applied in the form of mono-layer by attraction or bursting vesicles (see figure 2).

### ***Double Patenting***

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8. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

9. Claims 1, 4, 12, 14, 16-20, 22-24, 29-30, 38, 63-68 and 77 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, 7, 9-11, 25-26, 28-29 and 31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,575 (Beuthan et al). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present claimed invention is broader than what was claimed in the Patent's claims and all of the limitations of claims 1, 4, 12, 14, 16-20, 22-24, 29-30, 38, 63-68 and 77 are read from claims 1-5, 7, 9-11, 25-26, 28-29 and 31 of the patent.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

10. Claims 2-3, 5-11, 13, 15, 21, 25-28, 31-37, 39-62, and 69-76 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 1 and 23 are only rejected on the basis of the obviousness type double patenting, claims 1 and 23 will be allowed if a proper Terminal Disclaimer is filed.

There was no prior art found by the examiner that suggested modification or combination with the cited art so as to satisfy the combination of all the limitations in claims 1 and 23. The prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render limitations **“a converter which is connected to the carrier and which contains a converter material and emits light of small lateral source extend upon irradiation with an electron beam”**, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claims 1 and 23.

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Following references relate to optical sample holder: Muramatsu et al (6,645,434), Karrai (6,399,036), Harris et al (5,894,349), Ebbesen et al (5,973,316), Brener et al (5,894,125), and Isaacson et al (4,659,429).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa Q. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2426. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM to 6 PM, Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 77. The fax

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phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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